market so as to ensure maximization of value additon, minimization of wastages and improving farmers' income. Processing industries and retailers can provide the necessary demand for the agricultural produce and encourage a flow of market information, technology and inputs to the farmers so that he can tailor his output to the needs of the market and in the process raise his own level of income and employment. The Ministry's schemes are widely publicized through media including in vernacular media.

In the 11th Plan, it has also been proposed to continue assistance in the form of grant to private sector/public sector organisations through schemes for setting up of Food Testing Labs, Implementation of Quality Systems such as HACCP, ISO 9000, GHP and GMP Practices, Promotion of Research and Development, Capacity building and Human Resource Development and other promotional activities with higher levels of assistance. In addition, a new scheme for Upgradation of Quality of street foods is also being implemented.

FPIs in Uttarakhand

†934. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of food processing units established in Uttarakhand during the last five years; and

(b) the details regarding total capacity of food processing available in this State and the details of plan of action formulated for use of this capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) As food processing industries are both in the organized and unorganized sectors, information on total number of food processing industries established in the country including in Uttarakhand, the details regarding total capacity, capacity utilization, etc. are not centrally maintained in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. However, the Ministry received 46 applications for setting up/modernization/expansion of food processing units in Uttarakhand during the last five year period from 2002-03 to 2006-07, out of which 24 units were sanctioned with a total amount of Rs. 681.097 lakhs.

Incentives to food processing industries

935. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incentives sanctioned to the food processing industries by the UPA Government;

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